


No. 6309 - 號九零百三千六第 日八十月二年寅戊緒光 HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1878. 二拜禮 號九十月二英 港香 [PRICE \$24 PER MONTH.]

INTIMATION


GADSDEN, THE
 NORTH BARBACKS
 By PERMISSION.
 THE
 ROYAL ARTILLERY DRAMA
 will give
 TWO PERFORMANCES
 THIS EVENING.
 TUESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY
 AND
 TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY)
 The Performance to commence at 7.30.

Acts, entitled
"THE MISER OF SHORE"
To conclude each Evening with the
and Entertaining Farce, entitled
"A TERRIBLE TINDLE"
By kind permission, the Band of
Landers will attend.
Tickets may be had at Officers'

R. R. and 74th Highlanders, Sergeants, and
 Artillery and 74th Highlanders; a
 Pay Sergeants, also at the Doors
 of Performances.
 Doors open at 8.30, Performance
 at 9 P.M. each Evening.

PRICES OF ADMISSION
 Front Seats 1 D.
 Second Seats 50 C.

R. S. be had
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GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
Hongkong, 14th February, 1878.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND
THE Steamship

"KWANGTUNG,"
Captain Westoby, will be despatched
above Ports on THURSDAY, the

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WANTED, in a Mercantile
ASSISTANT capable of
Correspondence, and with a knowledge
of real business. Address "A. B.,"
Paper.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1878.

LARGE TAKASIMA
ex Godown, at \$8 per T
Apply to **THOS. G. GLO**
No. 7, Queen's Road Central, arc
Hongkong, 19th February, 1878
FOR LONDON AND HAMB
SUEZ CANAL.
THE German Steamship,

"GALATEA."
 Bohma, Master, will be despatched
 or about the 1st of March next.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 Wm. PUST
 Agent
 Hongkong, 18th February, 1878.
 NOTICE.
 THE OFFICERS OF THE

O R I E N T A L L E
WELLINGTON STREET, HONG KONG
STOCKHAUSEN AND
PROPRIETORS.
TIFFIN at ONE. DINNER at
WINE. Spirits etc. of the Best

English, French, and German
BILLIARD ROOMS BOWLING
NOTICES TO CONSIST
FROM LONDON AND SIN
THE Steamship
"GLENROY"
has arrived from the above Port

STA. of Cargo are informed that their G
landed at their risk into the G
Undersigned, whence ^{and} from
Beats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forward
hai unless notice be given before
DAY.
Goods remaining undelivered
instant will be subject to rent
No Fire Insurance has been effe

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
HONGKONG, 15th February, 1873.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH BARK "GLOUCESTER" FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are requested to send in their Orders of Lading to the Undersigned for signature, at the latest, on the 18th inst.

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"b."
HONGKONG
HONGKONG, 14th February, 1874.
TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIO
EX O. S. S. CO.'S Str."

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FROM LIVERPOOL

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SHIPPING Orders must be
the Undersigned not later
inst. for shipment per Steamer "
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Hongkong, 14th February, 1875

NOTICE TO CONSIGN

BRITISH BARQUE "HAR"
FROM LONDON

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by 11
Vessel are hereby requested to
Bills of Lading to the Under-
signature, and to take immediate
their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharges
will be landed and stored at C
and expense.
RUSS.

& Co. [25] Hongkong, 19th February, 1877.
COMPAGNIE DES MESS.
MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGN.
CONSIGNEES of the follow
 requested to send in their E
 to the undersigned for counter
 taken immediate delivery. This C

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU
"Ex 'AVA'"
E.G. Mr. A. Marty, 11 pieces Wagon
E.G. Mr. A. Marty, 3 cases Shell
F.P. (in diamond) Nos. 177/8, 179/8
Hats from London.
J.S. (\$28775 Order.

C.S.H. Nos 1/5 Mr. C.S. Hadam.
from Marcellas.
E.G. No. 19 Mr. E. Gidetti, 1 bo
Marcellas.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1875

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THE Underwriter, having become LESSEE of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS," and the BUSINESS connected therewith, will conduct the same on his own account from this date.

R. CHATTEWORTH WILCOX.

Daily Press Office, 1st January 1878.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING

CHEMISTS.

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VERNOR and his Royal Highness the

DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

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business communications be addressed to the

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HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [12]

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addressed to "THE EDITOR," and those business "The

Manager," and not to individuals by name.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 19th, 1878.

THE annual meeting of the China Fire In-

surance Company was held on the 18th inst.,

and that of the Hongkong Fire In-

surance Company was held yesterday. As usual, where

the report presented discloses nothing but

continued prosperity, the proceedings were

almost entirely formal, and the utmost unanimity

prevailed. The reports were passed, the

retiring Directors and Auditors were re-

-elected, and the provisional appointments by the

Directors were confirmed. At the meet-

ing of the China Fire Insurance Company, Mr.

GRANVILLE SMITH asked what had been

done by the Directors upon the resolution

unanimously passed at the last meeting re-

questing them to communicate with the

directors of the Hongkong Fire Insurance

Company and with the local Government

with a view to the provision of further means

for the prevention and extinction of fires. The

Hon. Chairman, in reply, referred to some

communications which he had had with the

Hon. Chairman of the Hongkong Fire In-

surance Company, and alluded to the com-

munications which had been appointed to in-

quire into the state of the engineering depart-

ment of the Fire Brigade; but he admitted that

no communication had emanated from the

companies to the Government, as both the

Chairmen being members of the Legislative

Council, they would be fully informed of any

measures the Government might have in

contemplation. The fact is the duty which

the shareholders, by their unanimous votes

at the last meetings, have fastened upon the

Directors is a delicate one, and one beset with

difficulties. Mr. SMITH very truly defined the

privilege, the liability, and the duty of Fire In-

surance Companies to be the receipt of premiums,

the payment of losses, and the prevention of

fire. The duty, however, is simply one as be-

longing to a company and its insurers, and does

not necessarily embrace the extinction of fires

possibly at a distance from risks in which it

may be concerned. This duty, therefore, is

a Government or Municipal one, as every

person in the Colony, even the poorest, is in-

terested in the preservation of a home, and

hence the cost of a thoroughly efficient Bri-

gade should come out of the public rates.

The field of inquiry was so exceedingly

limited in the late Commission, only em-

bracing the state of the engineering depart-

ment of the Brigade, that it is not surpris-

ing the substance of the committee's report

occupied only seventeen lines. There is,

however, a great deal to be said upon this

most important subject. In February 1877,

it was admitted on all hands by directors

and shareholders alike that the then

existing means of extinguishing fires were

quite inadequate. The importance of this

fact is not lessened by the exceptionally

NOTICE.

On the motion of Mr. LEE, seconded by Mr. VANDER, Messrs. Thompson and Lindsay were

re-appointed auditors for the current year.

THE CHAIRMAN.—Gentlemen, this is the

annual meeting of the Hongkong Fire In-

surance Company. The report of the

Directors is before you, and I have the

pleasure to read it to you. It is a report

of a very successful year, and I have the

pleasure to say that the company has

been very successful in its business.

THE CHAIRMAN.—Gentlemen, the report of

the company has been in your hands now for

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